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(U) San Ysidro – Man Charged in Massive Fentanyl Bust

(U) A 19-year-old Tijuana man was charged with trying to smuggle nearly 80 pounds of fentanyl into the United States in what became one of the largest seizures of the drug at the border with Mexico. Flavio Rivera Davalos was the driver and only occupant of a 2010 Ford Focus that was searched by Customs and Border Protection officers at the San Ysidro Port of Entry, after a drug-sniffing dog reacted the rear of the car as Rivera tried to cross. During the inspection, officers found 31 packages of fentanyl hidden throughout the car.

SOURCE: 11 December 2017, [San Diego Union Tribune](#)

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(U) Connecticut – Mexican Citizen Pleads Guilty to Trafficking Heroin and Fentanyl Into US

(U) Hartford – A Mexican citizen has entered a guilty plea to heroin and fentanyl trafficking charges after illegally reentering the United States. According to court documents and statements made in court, Drug Enforcement Administration agents received information that 38-year-old Jesus Gomez-Valdivia was arriving at Tweed New Haven Airport from Los Angeles International Airport that day with narcotics in his possession. Officers located two pieces of luggage that belonged to Gomez and arrested him after discovering nearly two kilograms of heroin and approximately 500 grams of fentanyl sewed inside one of the suitcases. Gomez has pleaded guilty to one count of possession with intent to distribute controlled substances and one count of reentry.

SOURCE: 13 December 2017, [WTHN](#)

(U) Florida – Man Arrested After Bomb Threat Reported at High School

(U) Sebring – A man was arrested after law enforcement investigated two bomb threats reported at Sebring and Avon Park high schools. The Highlands County Sheriff's (HCSO) office says that Sebring High School received a suspicious fax about explosive devices. Nothing had been found but the HCSO and the Highland's County School Board took the threat seriously. Yesterday afternoon, a similar threat was made against Avon Park High School. During the investigation into the sender of the faxes, James Lee Irvin Jr., 29, was identified as the suspect and was taken into custody without incident. Irvin Jr. was then arrested and charged with two counts of threatening to discharge a destructive device and two counts of using a two-way device to commit a felony.

SOURCE: 13 December 2017, [ABC Action News](#)

(U) Maryland – Man Charged for Making Bomb Threat Against Power Plant

(U) Brandywine – A Temple Hills man was arrested after police say he made a bomb threat at a Brandywine power plant on 8 December. Raekwon Dixon, 22, was identified by investigators as the suspect. He was arrested and charged with making a false statement regarding a destructive device, making a threat of mass violence, and making a bomb threat. No explosive-making materials were found at Dixon's home following a police investigation.

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UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**(U) New Jersey – Three US Men Plead Guilty to Crimes Tied to 2016 Botnet Attacks**

(U) Trenton – Three men have pleaded guilty to computer crimes related to the creation, sale and use of the Mirai botnet, a network of infected electronics equipment used to knock major websites offline in massive 2016 cyber-attacks. Paras Jha pleaded guilty in federal court to charges involving writing code that allowed him to infect and control devices. He also pleaded guilty in federal court to a hacking that repeatedly shut down the Rutgers University computer system between 2014 and 2016. Two other individuals, Josiah White and Dalton Norman, also pleaded guilty to charges related to the development and use of Mirai for criminal gain.

SOURCE: 13 December 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Texas – More Than \$1.5 Million Worth of Cocaine Seized at Border Port of Entry

(U) Laredo – US Customs and Border Protection officers seized more than 200 pounds of narcotics at a port of entry along the border. The seizure happened at the World Trade Bridge when a tractor-trailer was sent through secondary inspection. An imaging system and canine unit found 72 packages containing about 200 pounds of cocaine. The case was then turned over to US Immigration and Customs Enforcement-Homeland Security Investigations.

SOURCE: 13 December 2017, [News 4 San Antonio](#)

(U) Virginia – City Officials Anticipate Crowds for Hearing of Driver Charged in Rally Violence

(U) Charlottesville – City officials are closing downtown streets today in anticipation of scheduled court hearings for four people charged in relation to the violent rally that took place in August 2017. James Alex Fields Jr., the driver accused of barreling a car into a crowd protesting the white nationalist rally, killing a woman, and injuring several others, is expected to appear for a preliminary hearing on charges relating to the rally. City officials are closing streets near Court Square in anticipation of crowds of people looking to attend the hearings at the courthouse. Attendees will be barred from bringing any bags, backpacks, purses, electronic devices, cell phones or anything other items deemed by deputies as disruptive or dangerous into the courthouse.

SOURCE: 13 December 2017, [ABC News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Germany – Police Arrest Suspects Linked to Market Attacker**

(U) Berlin – German police arrested several people suspected of visiting ISIS controlled areas in the Middle East and having links to a failed asylum seeker who killed 12 people by driving a truck into crowds last year. Arrests were made by police carrying out searches targeting individuals who had recently returned from Syria via Turkey. It also said those arrested were linked to Tunisian Anis Amri, a failed asylum seeker who last year ploughed a truck into a Christmas market in the German capital. Security at Christmas markets has been beefed up this year with guards and concrete blocks.

SOURCE: 13 December 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Somalia – Suicide Bomber Kills At Least Thirteen in Police Academy Attack

(U) Mogadishu – A suicide bomber disguised as a policeman blew himself up inside a police training camp in Somalia's capital Mogadishu today and killed at least 18 officers, officials said. A police spokesman said the attacker infiltrated the General Kahiye Police Training Academy and struck during a police parade. The militant group al Shabaab claimed responsibility for the attack. The militants were driven out of Mogadishu in 2011 and have since been steadily losing territory to the combined forces of African Union peacekeepers and Somali security forces.

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